

The U.S. DOE Oak Ridge Reservation (ORR), a 32,400-acre facility constructed in the 1940s, enriched uranium for nuclear weapons during the Manhattan Project and the Cold War. The facility was added to the CERCLA National Priorities List in 1989. Nuclear weapons operations ceased in the 1980s; research and nuclear security operations continue at Oak Ridge National Laboratory and the Y-12 complex. EPA and the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) oversee the cleanup, while the DOE is the lead federal agency responsible for CERCLA implementation. The FY21 enacted environmental management budget for ORR is \$475.4M, including over \$400 for CERCLA cleanup actions. ORR is a large, highly complex site, including 100s of contaminated areas; DOE estimates cleanup completion in 2047.

A new landfill (Environmental Management Disposal Facility) to be used to dispose of radiological, toxic, hazardous and mixed waste from cleanup of ORR is being planned. Former EPA Administrator Wheeler issued a decision on 12/31/20 on a dispute related to discharge of radionuclides into Bear Creek. EPA, DOE and TDEC are currently working on a feasibility study, Record of Decision, and design of the \$537M landfill.

DOE has prioritized cleanup and transfer of property at the former uranium production facility, now known as the East Tennessee Technology Park (2,200 acres). EPA and TDEC have supported expedited cleanup and transfer of parcels in this area. The future land use is envisioned as a private industrial park. To date, 1,300 acres, including 14 buildings, have been transferred to the Community Reuse Organization of East Tennessee.

EPA, TDEC and DOE are engaged in a partnering framework to facilitate early resolution of issues and improve the pace and quality of cleanup. Beginning approximately 1 year ago, weekly meetings at the first- and second- line management level are held, and quarterly senior leadership meetings are held. All parties consider the partnership a success and plan to continue the effort.